(d) if not, what are the reasons for not providing facilities for the weaker sections, so as to promote better national integration?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) Seventh Five Year Plan of ITDC does not include any provision for setting up Ashok Yatri Niwases in the country.

(b) to (d) With a view to cater to the needs of budget tourists, the Central Department of Tourism has a scheme for setting up Yatri Niwases in collaboration with the State Governments. Under this scheme the construction of 26 Yatri Niwases have been sanctioned in various parts of country. Besides 79 Hotel Projects are planned in the 1 & 2 star categories which on completion, will cater to budget tourists.

P.M.'s Proposed Visit to Pakistan

2367. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether details of the proposed visit of the Prime Minister to Pakistan during December, 1988 has been finalised; and

(b) if so, what subjects are likely to be discussed at the proposed meet?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) The dates for the Fourth SAARC Summit in Islamabad have been fixed from December 29 to 31, 1988. Other details are still being finalised.

(b) The agenda for the Summit is being prepared. It is however likely to touch on matters relating to ongoing and prospective regional cooperation.

Forcible Entrance by Short-Distance Travellers in Reserved Compartments and Sleepers on Central Railway

2368. SHRI YASHWANT SINHA:
SHRI KAMAL MORARKA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the hardships being faced by passengers travelling in reserved compartments in IInd class 2-tier or 3-tier sleepers of Central Railway in long distance trains due to forcible entrance of short distance travellers in these trains;

(b) if so, what measures Government have taken during the last three years to overcome this problem; and

(c) whether Government make an enquiry in this regard to stop this menace?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) Some cases have come to notice.

(b) and (c) To curb the problem of entry of unauthorised passengers in reserved coaches, following steps have been taken:

(i) Conductors/TTEs/Coach Attendents have been directed to present themselves at the entry doors of reserved compartments immediately on placement of rake on the platform to regulate entry of passengers in these coaches.

(ii) Special concentrated checks are launched with the help of the squads of TTEs, GRP and RPF to round up unauthorised passengers.

(iii) Regular announcements are made on the Public Address System advising the passengers not to travel in reserved compartments without reservation.

(iv) Suitable action is taken against staff who are found wanting in discharge of their duties in this regard.